INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1299

DATE: October 17, 2013

TO: Iowa Medicaid Home Health Agencies

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Rate Maximum for Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2013

In accordance with Section 441 of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), Chapter 79.1(27), reimbursement rates of the Home Health Private Duty Nursing / Personal Care Services is limited to 133 percent of the statewide average allowable costs reported by Iowa Medicaid providers who provide Private Duty Nursing / Personal Care Services.

The following maximum rates have been calculated using the statewide weighted average from the most recently submitted cost reports where costs for Private Duty Nursing / Personal Care Services have been reported.

These rate maximums will be effective for cost report periods ending July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Code	Description	Limit
S9122	Home Health Aide in the Home, Per Hour	\$35.65
T1000	Private Duty/Independent Nursing Service(s), Per 15 min	\$12.46

These rate maximums will be implemented as cost reports are reviewed for cost settlement.

Should you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit at 515-256-4610 or (866) 863-8610, or by email at costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us.